

Department Updates

January 2022

Register of Deeds

Margo Katterhagen Register of Deeds

Happy New Year! The Register of Deeds office experienced another big year. Real Estate is selling at a record high and our office feels the effects of the aggressive market. We now live in an *Instant Society*, so "same day recording" is what the industry demands. I'm happy to report that Barron County ROD office has been same day recording since March 2013!

Total documents recorded (including electronic transfer returns): 2021 = 15,287 vs. 14,776 in 2020

Total real estate transfer fee deposits (\$3 per \$1,000): 2021 = \$1,082,673.00 vs. \$826,330.00 in 2020

Total daily deposits: 2021 = \$1,613,000.00 vs. \$1,332,300.00 in 2020

Total vital certificates printed: 2021 = 9,901 vs. 8802 in 2020

Total number of documents back indexed (made searchable online) in 2021 = 24,628. Since March 2020 we have back indexed over 44,600 older documents. More documents back indexed equals more revenue as the title companies pay a monthly subscription fee to access our documents. In years past, the county provided computers for the title searchers to use in our office (at no charge). Now they log-in right in their own office and pay us a fee!

2021 – 80% of our documents were submitted to us electronically

2021 we recorded 3,101 mortgages vs. 2,912 in 2020

2021 we recorded 814 deeds vs. 724 in 2020

2022 County Board Meeting Dates

| January 17 | 5:00 p.m. | July 18 | 7:00 p.m. |
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| February 21 | 5:00 p.m. | August 15 | 7:00 p.m. |
| March 21 | 5:00 p.m. | September 12 | 7:00 p.m. |
| April 19 | 9:00 a.m. | October 17 | 7:00 p.m. |
| May 16 | 7:00 p.m. | November 7 | 6:00 p.m. |
| June 22 | 7:00 p.m. | November 15 | 9:00 a.m. |

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